

To the members of the Federal Communications Commission:

I am deeply disturbed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) attempt to stifle competition, and prevent XM Radio under petition 04-160 from providing it's Traffic and weather information. As a paying subscriber to XM Radio I find the Traffic and Weather information they provide extremely helpful. The channels being provided by XM Radio are extremely useful to a person who travels long distances on business frequently, vacation travelers, and the large group of subscribers that drive commercially for a living. The advantage is not only to the listeners, but also to the large metropolitan areas that are covered by the service. If listeners know in advance, prior to arriving to local broadcasting area that a traffic problem exists, then necessary steps can be taken to choose an alternate route early before becoming part of the congestion. This helps to ease the burden of local law enforcement officials, and fire and rescue officials who benefit from less congested roadways. When did it become the responsibility of the NAB to decide what I listen to and whom I receive the information from? I am paying for the service XM provides. That seems like an infringement of XM Radio's First Amendment rights, and an attempt to prevent market growth and competition. As a Member of the Armed Forces, as a taxpaying, US citizen, as a registered voter, and as a paid subscriber of XM Radio I urge you to protect the rights and freedoms my fellow sailors and soldiers are fighting for. So I urge you, the members of the Federal Communications Commission, to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.